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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 and MPEP 609, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicant submits the attached PTO/SB/08A form for consideration by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-entitled application and to be made of record therein. Copies of the foreign patent and the non-patent literature references are also attached.

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